

REMARKS

Applicants previously presented claims 39-42, 44-47, 50-51, 56-57, 60-66, 68, 71-80 and 111-147 for examination. By this preliminary amendment, Applicants have added new claims 148-152. Accordingly, claims 39-42, 44-47, 50-51, 56-57, 60-66, 68, 71-80, 111-152 remain pending.

All the pending claims should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner, upon reconsideration, determines that an action other than an allowance is appropriate, the Examiner is requested and authorized to telephone Applicants' representative below prior to taking such action, if the Examiner feels that such a telephone call will advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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